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REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed on May 12, 2005 within the shortened statutory three month period for reply. Claims 1-14 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 1-14. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification because it contains hyperlinks. Applicants have amended paragraphs 5 and 11 to remove the hyperlink references.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' own admissions in view of Gershman et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,199,099 ("Gershman"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Examiner asserts that "the background section of the specification discloses that PDA's, portals, channels, refreshing and downloading, synchronizing of data and applications, interrogating and selection embedded links, and SSL protocols" (page 3). Applicants are not claiming the well-known methods of downloading data to a PDA device. Rather, the present invention relates to enabling secure transfer of data in the form of channels. Applicants have outlined, in the Background section, several known methods for downloading data to a PDA device to show the deficiencies of these known methods relating to secure content. For example, in the Background section, Applicants state that under a conventional mode for downloading data, that "since the content must be interrogated to determine any links that must be traversed to collect all the applicable data, the content is kept in an unsecured state at the PDA portal." This statement is simply stating an exemplary problem with the prior art which is solved by the present invention.

The Examiner further asserts that the Applicants "does not specifically disclose the use of passwords/pass phrases/PIN numbers, and states that there is a need for encryption techniques." Again, by indicating that there is a need for encryption techniques, the Applicants have simply stated an exemplary problem solved by the present invention, and that is providing an encryption technique. Moreover, the Examiner asserts that "Gershman discloses the use of user names, passwords, and unique identifiers" (page 3). Applicants fail to see the relevance of Gershman in this respect, in that user names, passwords, and unique identifiers are not in of themselves encryption techniques. While the aforementioned security credentials may be encrypted through the use of one of many known techniques, they do not directly or inherently possess encryption capabilities.

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Gershman generally discloses an encryption device; however, Gershman fails to describe the functionality of the device. As previously mentioned, there are a number of encryption techniques and devices known in the art; however, Gershman only discloses an encryption device without specific disclosure as to the functionality of the device. As such, Gershman does not disclose or suggest at least a PDA that can, "connect to an encryption device which is configured to isolate imbedded links" as recited by independent claim 1 (emphasis added).

Claims 2-14 depend from independent claim 1. Claims 2-14 are differentiated from the cited reference for at least the same reasons as set forth above, as well as their own respective features.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter is added in this Reply. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned, if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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